November 30, 2001

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Jessie K. Rasmussen, Director Department of Human Services Hoover State Office Building, 5th Floor Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend Iowa's home and community-based services waiver for persons with Mental Retardation authorized under the provisions of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act) has been approved effective January 1, 2002. The waiver amendment has been assigned control number 0242.90.R1.09. This number should be used in any subsequent correspondence.

Specifically, the amendment increases the number of individuals served in Iowa's HCBS Mental Retardation waiver program.

We conclude that information provided in your original request conforms to the requirements of statute and regulations.

The following estimates of utilization and cost of waiver services have been approved:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>C X</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Total</u>	
7/1/01 - 6/30/02	3	7,337	\$ 21,782	\$	159,817,552
7/1/02 - 6/30/03	4	8,804	\$ 22,220	\$	195,625,515
7/1/03 - 6/30/04	5	10,565	\$ 22,666	\$	239,466,737

We appreciate the effort and cooperation provided by your staff. If you should have any questions about this matter, please contact Brenda Jackson at (816) 426-3406.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Tilghman Regional Administrator

cc: Cathy Anderson

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